REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 6 and 7. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,742,412 to Srinivasan ("*Srinivasan*"). In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In order to properly anticipate Applicant's claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every element of the claim in issue must be found, either expressly described or under principles of inherency, in a single prior art reference. Furthermore, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in...the claim." See M.P.E.P. 2131 (8th Ed., Aug. 2001), quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1126, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Finally, "[t]he elements must be arranged as required by the claim." M.P.E.P. 2131 (8th ed., 2001), p. 2100-69.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Srinivasan* does not teach or suggest the combination of steps recited in claim 1. For example, the reference at least does not disclose: storing information associated with subscribers and usable to determine contexts associated with an information request; determining a context for the information request when it is determined that the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored; and providing a response to the information request selected from the stored contact information based on a condition associated with the

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determined context for the request. Likewise, *Srinivasan* does not teach or suggest the combination of steps recited in claim 6. For example, *Srinivasan* at least does not disclose: determining a context for a query request; obtaining information in the directory related to the destination based on the context of the query request; or providing the obtained information regarding the destination to the user, wherein the context for the query request corresponds to the user.

Srinivasan discloses a method and system for displaying a caller's "Internet information" on the customer premises equipment of a callee telephony service subscriber. (*Srinivasan*, Abstract.) When a caller makes a call, the central office of the callee determines whether the callee subscribes to the service for receiving caller Internet identification. (Id., Fig. 2A, step 204). If the callee is a subscriber, then the terminating central office requests caller ID and Internet ID information of the caller from databases using the caller's phone number (id., col. 7, ll. 30-41), and sends a message object containing any Internet ID and caller ID found corresponding to the caller to the callee CPE. (Id., col. 7, ll. 41-50; Fig. 2B, steps 232 and 236). If the call is not completed, then the caller's Internet information is accessible at a later time to the subscriber/callee. (Id., Abstract). The subscriber/callee can call a predetermined number, provide a user ID and password as identification information, and then be provided with a message containing any caller-ID or Internet ID information for the prior caller, as well as a voice mail message. (Col. 8, ll. 1-65; Fig. 3 & 4.)

In contrast to *Srinivasan*, claim 1 recites "storing information associated with subscribers and usable to determine context associated with an information request," "determining a context for the information request when it is determined that the

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requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored," and "providing a response to the information request selected from the stored contact information based on a condition associated with the determined context for the request." *Srinivasan* does not describe performing any of these actions. While the system in *Srinivasan* stores caller ID, Internet ID and voice mail information associated with callers (see, e.g., id., col. 2, lines 18-21; col. 8, lines 19-28), *Srinivasan* only describes the callees as the subscribers and information requesters. (Id., col. 1, lines 35-39; col. 8, lines 3-6; Fig. 2B step 248; Fig. 3.) *Srinivasan* merely describes using a callee's user ID and password to determine whether the callees are subscribers (col. 6, lines 33-37; Fig. 2A, step 204), and to authenticate the callees (col. 8, lines 19-30; Fig. 3, step 312). The system described by *Srinivasan* does not then use information associated with a subscriber to determine context associated with the information request, and further provide a response to the information request based on a condition associated with the determined context, as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, *Srinivasan* does not disclose the invention as recited in claim 1. Likewise, *Srinivasan* does not determine a context for a query request from a user, or obtain information based on the context of the query request, or provide the obtained information to the user, wherein the context for the query request corresponds to the user, as recited in claim 6, and therefore *Srinivasan* does not disclose the invention as recited by claim 6.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 6 are not anticipated by *Srinivasan*. Because claims 8, 13, and 18 are independent claims with limitations similar to those of claims 1 and 6, Applicant further submits that claims 8, 13,

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and 18 are also not anticipated by *Srinivasan* for at least the reasons given with respect to claims 1 and 6. Because dependent claims 2-5, 7, 9-12, 14-17, and 19-22 each depend from one of claims 1, 6, 8, 13 and 18, and therefore include all of the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant further submits that dependent claims 2-5, 7, 9-12, 14-17, and 19-22 are allowable at least for the reasons stated above with regard to their respective allowable base claims (without the need to discuss the additional features recited by each such claim that may distinguish them from the cited prior art).

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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